M MTC'S Marketing of Rock Phosphate

2898. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC has been entrusted for Marketing Rock Phosphate produced by RSMML in Northern State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the criteria laid down by MMTC for Marketing/distribution of Rock Phosphate for SSP (Fertilizer) Manufacturers and for fixing prices per metric tonne, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) MMTC has an agreement with Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML) since 1987-88 for sale of rock phosphate produced by the latter to Single Super Phosphate (Fertilizer) Industry in Northern States. For this is service charge of Rs. 15/- per tonne is being received by MMTC from RSMML. Rock phosphate requirements of SSP manufacturing units situated in Northern States are first met out of rock phosphate produced by RSMML. The gap between the eligible demand and the supply of RSMML rock phosphate is met by supply of imported rock phosphate. The sale price is fixed according to Government formula and there is a uniform price applicable for supply to units in all States.

Accommodation for Joint Chief Controller of Imports and Exports

2899. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Joint Chief Controller of Imports and Exports (Central Licensing Area) has hired an air-conditioned accommodation at Asaf Ali Road, Delhi from a private party at an exhorbitant rent; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the actual rent of the premises;

(c) whether Government are not able to provide accommodation to this office from its own pool; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Private accommodation of 40043 sq. ft. has been hired at Rs. 6.58 lakhs per month plus municipal taxes which works out approximately Rs. 47,95,744/- on annual Basis for the Office of Joint Chief Controller of Imports & Exports (Central Licensing Area) from a private party.

(c) and (d) The said office was earlier functioning in Govt, accommodation in Y' shape building at LP. Estate. However, as this accommodation was much less than the actual requirements, it was decided to hire the above said private accommodation in November '89, in consultations with CPWD/Ministry of Finance. Now in view of the changes in the Imports and Export Policy, the actual space requirement will be reassessed and Directorate of Estate will be requested accordingly to provide requisite suitable Govt, accommodation for that office.

Reduction in the strength of C.C.I. & E. organisation

2900. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact this Government propose to reduce the strength of C.C.I. & E. organisation on ad hoc basis;

(b) whether such increase/reduction is generally done on the basis of assessment made by Staff Inspection -Unit of the Ministry of Finance;

(c) what are the reasons for such a departure from carrying out S.I.U. studies;

(d) whether this has resulted in agitation in the organisation; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government on the representation made by the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Office of the CCI&E is being restructured keeping in view the changes brought out by the